Privatisation of HAL

3007. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL; Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, a public sector company, is being privatised, as reported in the Economic Times, dated the 10th February, 1994;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed privatisation;

(c) the alternatives being considered for up-gradation of Penicillin G Technology;

(d) the details of parties who, either on their own or in collaboration with foreign companies, have made offers in this regard; and

(e) whether offers received have been evaluated by technical experts and if so, the recommendations made by them in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) to (e) A proposal for collaboration for upgradation of the facilities of production of Penicillin G has been received by Hindustan Antibiotics Limited on the 31st January, 1994. The proposal would need detailed evaluation by the company keeping the techno-economic advantages in view, for further consideration.

Collaboration of HAL and Max GB

3008. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of collaboration between Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., (HAL) and Max GB for the Penicillion 'G' plant; whether it is a joint venture, an outright transfer, lease arrangement, etc.;

(b) what are the improvements in yield and efficiency guaranteed by Max GB combine; and

(c) what is the investment envisaged and how it is proposed to be financed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Hindustan Antibiotics Limited has received a formal proposal for collaboration for upgradation of the facilities for production of Penicillin on the 31st January, 1994. A detailed evaluation is to be made by the company, keeping the overall interests of the company in view for further consideration.

Reuirement of Fertilizers

3009. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of fertilizers in each State, State-wise, during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) the indigenous production of each type of fertilizers during 1993, till date from each plant, plant-wise;

(c) the total foreign exchange out flow for import of these fertilizers from January 1, 1993 to December, 1993; and

(d) the steps being taken to attain self-sufficiency in the production of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per information available with the Government, the estimated consumption of fertilizers in each State, State-wise for the period 1992-93 and sale of major fertilizers from 1-4-1993 to 31-1-1994 in the various States is given below: